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## OLD 'DRAGFOOT' STILL LIVES AT NEWBURY

The Lame Deer that Has  
Long Roamed Over  
Mount Pulaski

A recent number of the Youth's Companion has told again the fascinating story of old "Dragfoot," the lame deer that has so long lived on Mount Pulaski and which has won a national fame.

"The Nomad, in the Boston Transcript has recently given the history of a deer that holds a place in the esteem of the residents of Newbury, Vermont, and has long been known to them by the name of Old Dragfoot.

"Old Dragfoot," he records, with evident pride, has come unscathed through another hunting season. He is a big old buck who has lived for years on the southern slopes of Mt. Pulaski. Out of the hunting season he is often seen in the orchards round the village, eating the bark of young apple trees, to which he is quite partial. He is lame and always drags one foot behind him, which leaves a strange track that is familiar to every boy and girl in town. Evidently in his callow youth, before he had learned wisdom, Dragfoot was shot in the foot by some hunter. Never again for Dragfoot. It is the ambition of every man and boy in Newbury to get him, but no one ever does. Every year for a week all the hunters in town pursue him, knowing that he is handicapped by his lameness, but never do they catch sight of him. Yet Pulaski is but a little mountain. Every yard of it must be beaten over by the hunters. How does the lame old deer, dragging his useless foot over the snow, escape them all? Often the hunters know by the freshness of the trail that he is only a few rods away, but it is impossible to sight him.

"Old Dragfoot, in spite of his lameness, is a redoubtable buck. He leads the flock of a dozen deer, which proves his prowess. One year three or four of his deer were shot. But the second day after the hunting season was over, Old Dragfoot was down in an orchard in the heart of the village eating nice young apple-tree bark. Again and again he has been seen since the season was over, but no human being saw him during that week.

"The years go by, and Old Dragfoot remains an impregnable institution of Newbury."

## Groton Incorporates a \$100,000 Lumber Firm

Articles of association have been filed with the Secretary of State by the Groton Mfg. Co., Inc., a \$100,000 corporation organized to conduct a lumber business and a general store. The shares number 1,000 and the par value is \$100 each. The incorporators are Robert A. Davidson, Robert Linwood Heath, Preston A. Smith, Isaac N. Hall, Donald A. Morrison and Bernard S. Eastman, all of Groton.

Kansas has an industrial court to avert strikes. The kid element that wants 75 cents an hour for cleaning up the back yard, has not yet pronounced in favor of such legislation.

School garden plans starting now, and Dad can see when he has a job laid out for him to keep the garden up through the hot weather.

## CITY FORM GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED

Emery and Brooks Arouse  
Enthusiasm at Meeting  
of Commercial Club

A business administration of municipal affairs was the keynote of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Commercial Club in Pythian Hall Thursday evening and the 100 who attended were much impressed with the advantages of Newbury's city form of government and the commission plan as found in Sheridan, Wyo.

At the banquet which preceded the business of the evening and address by Mrs. S. J. Somerville served chicken pie as the piece de resistance and the members enjoyed one of the best suppers the organization ever held. At the head table with President Asselin were the guests, Col. C. S. Emery of Newbury and L. H. Brooks of Sheridan, Wyo., Major Melrose, Principal J. A. Davis, Rev. Dr. F. A. Poole and these directors of the Commercial Club: Charles E. Peck, P. F. Hazen and Arthur F. Stone.

At eight o'clock the members adjourned to the lodge room for the business of the evening. The report of the secretary and treasurer, which was submitted in printed form, was accepted. The secretary in his report spoke of the success of the recent Fourth of July celebration, the reorganization of Company D, the exemption from taxation of Taubert, Lipton & Co., the Cary Maple Sugar Company, J. W. Davies, owner of the Plymouth Creamery; the encouragement of the boys and girls, and other activities of the organization. The past year 35 new members have joined and the club ended the year with 124 members and a bank balance of \$516.71. The report also referred to the fact that three of the staunchest supporters of the club have died during the year, Henry G. Ely, Judge Walter P. Smith and George H. Cross.

The following new members were admitted: Major Melrose, E. E. Ruggles, C. Roy Calderwood, Dr. W. A. Gage, Mr. McCarthy, W. H. Taylor, O. A. Ulrich, L. A. Wood, Dr. F. W. Magoon, W. H. Jenks, Carroll H. Fox, R. C. A. Babcock, Mr. Haffner, Morton J. Reed, S. E. Richardson, Dr. Dale S. Atwood, L. V. Hastings, Dale H. Simpson.

President Asselin in a brief address of welcome said it was a great delight to him to see such a large and enthusiastic gathering. He believed that it indicated that the members were interested in their town and were glad to serve where they could to make St. Johnsbury bigger and better. He spoke of the success of the Fourth of July celebration and said that with all bills paid there was a balance left over of \$892.11. He said the directors had voted to place this fund at interest and keep it separate from the rest of the club's money as a special fund. He spoke in the highest praise of the success of J. H. Brooks in raising G. Braley as treasurer of the fund and said he meant to have read at this meeting the list of over 100 members of the various committees that worked so hard to make the soldiers' welcome the great success that it was. A vote of thanks was then voted to J. H. Brooks, Charles G. Braley and all members of the various committees for the hard work they did to make the celebration so successful.

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## Hardwick Granite Plant Sold to F. F. Fuller

E. R. Murch has sold his granite manufacturing plant in Hardwick on the line of the Hardwick & Woodbury railroad to Floyd F. Fuller, who takes immediate possession. Mr. Fuller will increase the force and devote all his time to building up his already established business. Mr. Murch will occupy a part of the shed for the present and later devote his time to managing his quarry. The shed was built in 1900 and is well-equipped with all the equipment for granite manufacturing.

## REV. C. B. BLISS RESIGNS AT MCINDOES

Says He Cannot Stay on  
Salary of Six  
Years Ago

Rev. A. E. Gregg of Barnet exchanged with Rev. C. B. Bliss, pastor of the Congregational church at McIndoes Sunday and at the close of the morning service read the following letter from Mr. Bliss:

Dear Friends in McIndoes: You had your community meeting to choose your pastor for the coming year a week ago Thursday. Last Wednesday Rev. Mr. Fisher gave me the official notice of your invitation to remain with you another year. This is my first chance to reply.

I deeply appreciate this vote of confidence, and thank you for it most heartily. I also appreciate the loyalty of those Boy Scouts who have been so insistently begging me to stay with them.

But I ought not to go on with the salary of six years ago—ought to pay your pastor more. At the same time it may be easier for you to make the proper increase for a new man, and—of vastly more importance—there is the chance that you yourselves might be more perfectly united under new leadership. For these reasons I am setting a date for the ending of our partnership.

Easter Sunday will be a good time for the change, with its appeal to both of us for new enthusiasm in the service of the risen Christ. Mr. Gregg exchanges with me today, but I will be with you on Palm Sunday and Easter—the two best days of the whole year.

I have enjoyed my work with you, and have noted with satisfaction a steady approach to conditions which would make possible a community spirit of progress and uplift, under the leadership of the church. I sincerely hope you will go forward to the realization of your splendid possibilities.

Faithfully yours,  
Your Pastor,  
C. B. BLISS

So far young doctors who are prescribing alcohol do not report any difficulty in getting a practice started.

Daylight burglaries reported in many places. Probably the burglars don't want to disturb the rest of the police.

The alleged uninteresting quality of after dinner speaking nowadays is perhaps not due so much to the lack of eloquence of the orators, as to the dryness of the auditors.

## AMERICAN LEGION HONORS DEAD COMRADES

French Government Presents  
Memorial to American  
Soldiers

The memorial service by the W. R. Knapp post of the American Legion at the Armory Sunday afternoon was a fitting recognition of the boys who had made the supreme sacrifice and attracted a large attendance. Members of the post attended in a body and marched through the hall with the color bearers leading. Commander Harold G. Powell presided and the service opened with a selection by the Academy orchestra.

Commander Powell then introduced Comrade Bernard Daniels, chairman of the Memorial Day service, who briefly and fittingly stated the object of this patriotic gathering. He said this was the first time that the American Legion had gathered to pay tribute to the comrades who made the supreme sacrifice. He said the service had an even greater significance as the French republic had prepared a certificate to honor their memory.

The Scripture was read by Rev. F. B. Richards and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. F. A. Poole. The Honor Roll was then read after which "Nearer, My God to Thee," was played on the piano and taps sounded by the bugler.

A splendid address followed by Rev. George A. Martin which vividly portrayed the stirring scenes of the world war, the part the American soldiers played in that momentous struggle, and the sacrifice the comrades made. After describing the great German offensive of two years ago when 750,000 of Germany's best soldiers were thrown against the line held by Gen. Goff's troops of the Fifth British Army and as a result there were 285,000 dead and wounded British soldiers on the field, Mr. Martin said "Thank God that though the line bent it did not break. All eyes were now turned on America and from June 3 to 6 the great heralded thrust of the Germans met their opponents at Chateau-Thierry.

Then was heard that cry, 'They come—the Yanks.' The vanguard of 100,000 held that line and reinforced by millions more held that line until the armistice was signed. All the Allies heard the call for service and as if in one language, Protestants and Catholics, Jews and Gentiles, Buddhists and Confucianists marched abreast to victory.

I wish I could make you boys understand the spirit of patriotism of the people at home. The success of the Red Cross drive, the Y. M. C. A. drive, the Knights of Columbus drive and all the other drives all there was a patriotic devotion of all the fraternal and all the churches, and over every altar was a service flag.

"These comrades whom we honor today fought to preserve our cherished institutions. Never was there a generation facing such serious problems. Never an era of reconstruction that is marked either for failure or success. The only thing that can give us success is that which is found in the principles of the religion of Jesus Christ. Memorial for these boys, but the finest memorial is to live the

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## Sudden Death of Conductor E. A. Hyde

News was received in St. Johnsbury Wednesday morning of the sudden death at his home in Swanton at about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening of Edgar A. Hyde, the veteran conductor on the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad. Mr. Hyde completed his run from Swanton to Cambridge and returned Tuesday afternoon and died the same evening. He was the third oldest passenger conductor on the Lake road, having entered the employ of this railroad Aug. 10, 1881. He had long been a resident of St. Johnsbury, but after the change was made and through trains were run from Portland to Burlington Mr. Hyde was assigned to that portion of the Lake road from Cambridge Junction to Swanton, making his home in the latter town. He leaves a wife and one daughter. He was an exceedingly popular and faithful conductor and his death comes a shock to a wide circle of friends.

## GOVERNMENT RED TAPE FINALLY CUT

St. Johnsbury Soldiers Gets  
Compensation from After  
Waiting One Year

After waiting nearly a year and filing enough affidavits to establish a dozen claims Harlan Fern Page received on March 19, a check of \$1,001.61 as compensation from the United States government for his disability. Mr. Page enlisted from St. Johnsbury and was honorably discharged on March 27, 1919. He was operated on soon after for a diseased hip and has been in Brightlook hospital most of the time the past year. Since September he has not left Brightlook.

Mr. Page started his claim in June, 1919, and a few months after the department began to call for affidavits. These were furnished by the local branch of the Red Cross, and furnished several times. Finally the case became so involved in red tape that the American Legion took it up. Mr. Page's case was given a special hearing at the recent state gathering of the American Legion at Montpelier where, as it happened, the head of the war insurance bureau was present. He promised that he would see the case through. In the meantime Adjutant-General Johnson interested Congressman Porter H. Dale in the case and as a result of the combined efforts of the local Red Cross, the American Legion, the head of the war insurance bureau, Adjutant-General Johnson and Congressman Dale, Mr. Page now gets what was so long due him. From now on he will receive \$90 a month.

## First to File for Presidential Primary

William Grant Webster of New York city has filed 556 signatures of qualified republican voters in Vermont with the secretary of state Saturday in his candidacy for president. The names for the most part were secured in western Vermont, Middlebury 96; Bennington 83; Burlington 183; Rutland 180; Windsook 10.

In his platform Mr. Webster opposes the league of nations. He favors forcible intervention in Mexico if necessary to protect our citizens or the security of our republic. He advocates rigid economy, freedom of military training.

Mr. Webster has filed papers for speech on the press and universal vice-president in various western states.

## St. J. A. Girls Win Basket Ball Game

The Colebrook high school girls came down here Friday to play the return game of basket ball with the girls' team of St. Johnsbury Academy and the game was played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium that afternoon. The local team proved much the faster and were easy winners by a score of 25 to 3. Following is the line-up: Colebrook St. J. A. F. Bannister, rf F. Duke, rf R. Jamison, lf G. Frost, lf M. Schoff, c O. McClary, c A. Titus, c M. Rathbun, c M. Edwards, rg M. Brooks, rg D. Covell, lf I. Underwood, lg Baskets from floor, Miss Duke, 4; Miss Frost 8; fouls, on St. J. A. Miss Frost 1; Baskets from floor, Miss Bannister; fouls on Colebrook, Miss Jamison 1. Timekeeper, Stedman; scorer, Harry Tillotson; linesmen, Harry Noel, Robert May; referee, Miss Tuttle. Time, three ten minute periods.

Formerly the roadsides were lined with blacksmith's shops to keep the workhorses of the country shod. Now they are lined with garages to keep the pleasure cars repaired.

## "PINEHURST" IS SOLD TO GILMAN BROS.

Miss Theodora F. Willard  
Disposes of This Beautiful  
Estate

"Pinehurst," the beautiful estate built some 75 years ago by Gov. Horace Fairbanks, and now owned by his granddaughter, Miss Theodora F. Willard of Boston, has been sold through the A. B. Dow real estate agency to the Gilman Brothers for \$35,000. The deed will have to be sent to India for the owner's signature as Miss Willard is now taking a tour of the world in a Raymond & Whitcomb party. The purchasers have not decided what they will do with their property.

This estate, long regarded as one of the most beautiful in the state, consists of about 15 acres in the heart of the village and in other days was one of the most hospitable homes in this community. The real estate extends from the head of Western avenue around to the lower end of Summer street, and includes the deer park and all the buildings on the property. Since the death of Gov. and Mrs. Fairbanks the large greenhouses have been razed to the ground but otherwise there has been no change to the buildings.

The mansion which overlooks the sloping lawn was once filled with the choicest work of art, many of which have recently been placed in the Art Gallery of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. A generation ago Pinehurst was the social center of the town and was often opened to large social gatherings, the hospitality of Gov. and Mrs. Fairbanks being unbending. The most distinguished people that have ever visited St. Johnsbury, including such men as Sir Henry M. Stanley and President Harrison, have been entertained there, and when Horace Fairbanks was elected governor in 1876 many of our readers will recall the big reception he gave the townspeople on Fourth of July.

For many years after the death of Gov. Fairbanks his gracious and queenly wife lived in the home and received her many friends with the same friendliness that had characterized her husband. Upon her death the property passed to her daughter in Boston, Mrs. Ashton P. Willard. By the death of Mrs. Willard about 10 years ago, the property passed to her only child, Miss Theodora F. Willard of 43 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

This is the largest real estate deal in the residence line that has ever been consummated in St. Johnsbury, if our memory is correct, and the public will be greatly interested in the future plans of the new owners.

## Fishing Season Extended Until April 1st

The season for fishing through the ice has been extended again by State Fish and Game Commissioner Linus Leavens. The season for pike was supposed to close on March 15, but this was extended until March 15 and another extension has been made to April 1.

This will include all the lakes in the county inhabited by fish which may be caught at this season of the year according to law and includes pike, pickerel and perch.

Mr. Leavens has made no ruling as yet on the request for permission to shoot pickerel next month, having been absent from the office for a short time on account of illness. There are two opinions about this request, some favoring the proposition while others claim that it reduces the fish population at too rapid a pace.

It is probable that the season will be limited, that fresh water brooks where the pike run will be barred and that it will be necessary to use a rifle instead of shotguns, but these matters have not yet been entirely decided upon but there is a possibility that the request may not be granted at all.

## Freight Wreck on C. P. R. at Newport Center

Five cars were derailed near Newport Center on the Boston & Maine railroad at 11:30 Thursday night out of a train of 32 cars. The train was proceeding southbound and it was 3:30 Friday morning before the track was cleared for traffic. The night mail southbound was seven hours late into St. Johnsbury Friday morning and the northbound mail was about four hours late.

## WEST WATERFORD

There was a large ride Wednesday evening to Miss Carrie Streeter's. About 20 enjoyed the affair.

Miss Fifield went home to Cabot Wednesday for a few weeks' vacation.

The people in the district where Miss Davis teaches gave her a party at Mr. Simpson's Friday evening.

## ENDORSE EMERY FOR GOVERNOR

Orange County Republic  
Committee Says He Deserves  
the Election

The Republican committee of Orange county has endorsed the candidacy of Curtis S. Emery of Newbury for governor of Vermont, asserting that Mr. Emery is "deserving of amply qualified to receive the high honor that the party can bestow. The endorsement is as follows: To the Voters of Orange County: The members of the Orange county Republican committee heartily endorse Colonel Curtis S. Emery, of Newbury, as the Republican candidate for governor of Vermont.

Colonel Emery is a native of Orange county, and resided here many years. He held many town and county offices, performing duties of each such position that characteristic devotion, fidelity and efficiency which demonstrated unquestioned ability.

In every campaign he worked ally, unselfishly and effectively for Republican success. He is deserving of amply qualified to receive highest honor that the party can bestow, and Orange county would be honored by his nomination.

If nominated we believe that will be the strongest candidate available, and if elected will give state a sound, business-like administration, doing justice to all parties and classes.

Harvey W. Eaton, Bradford, Selva H. Thayer, Braintree, Elmer E. Ellis, Brookfield, William H. Sprague, Chelsea, Alfred C. Jackson, Corinth, B. Walter Abbott, Fairlee, Jerome B. Hale, Newbury, Charles W. Emerson, Orange, Hayden M. Gaylord, Randolph, William P. Stone, Stratford, Charles S. Wilnot, Thetford, Henry B. White, Topsham, W. C. Mitchell, Tunbridge, George E. Stacy, Vershire, Martin W. Chamberlain, Wash. ton.

John H. Cook, West Fairlee, Azro A. Reed, Williamstown, Orange County Republican Committee.

## DEATH OF WILLIAM HIGGINS

Was Life Long Resident  
St. Johnsbury and Held  
Town Office

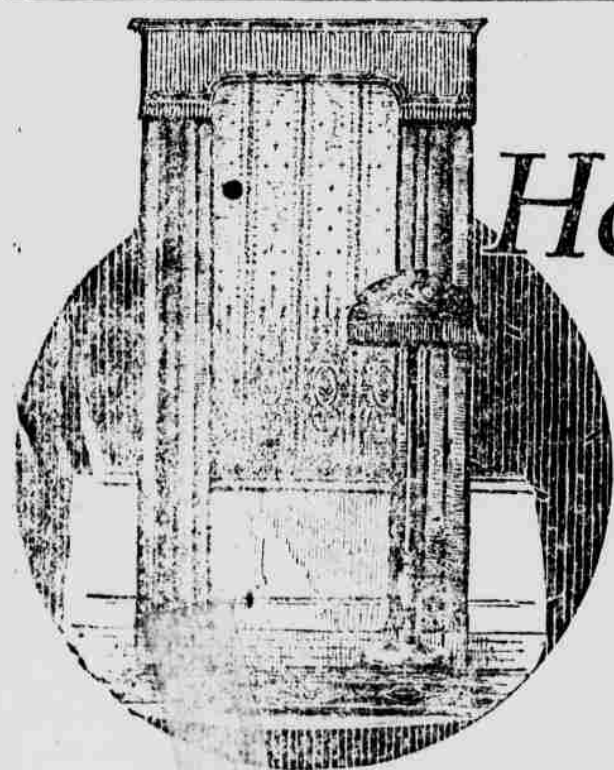
William Higgins died at his home at the head of Concord Avenue 15 day evening after an illness of about six weeks.

Mr. Higgins was born in Johnsbury, May 28, 1835, on a farm bought by his father, Jo Higgins, in 1830. He lived on a farm all his life and became one of the town's best known and substantial farmers. He married in 1854 Julia C. Blinn, who died in 1913.

He is survived by three children, Charles H. Higgins of Arlington, Mass., Herbert J. Higgins and Miss Ellie Higgins of St. Johnsbury, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral will be held at the house Wednesday afternoon, two o'clock.

Mr. Higgins identified himself well for 14 years on the board of selectmen. For ten years he was the first selectman and for several years he was the road commissioner. He was for many years an officer and consistent supporter of the Caledonian Fair Ground Company. He had wide experience in administering estates, some of the most complicated in this vicinity being settled by him. These estates were always managed so that all the interested parties appeared to be satisfied. With plain New England common sense he has an unusual power of clear judgment and understanding of law and equity while his grasp of fundamental truths was equalled by his ability to state them clearly.

He was a successful farmer and financier, up to date in methods and equipment, with a philosophy that made him accept whatever life brought without complaint. A man of few words, he inspired trust, and lived his later and less active years, with a broad outlook on world matters; a keen interest in community affairs, and an uncritical attitude for individuals. Serene, patient through many years of suffering and ill-health, with a sense of justice and integrity, not too common in these days, his years were rounded out with no failures of mental powers or interest in all worth while subjects.



## HOME CRAFT WEEK

APRIL 12 to 17

The Hangings At  
The Window of Your Home

—should be selected with care and study of their surroundings. This curtain section has, from thousands of materials and designs, selected only those that experience has approved of being superior in quality and beauty. In other words, the curtains you wish to see in your home, are now shown in this department.

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